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CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER LE CERNEEN REPORTS JANUARY 25 THAT ON PREVIOUS DAY 72 PASSENGERS PLANNING TO FLY TO DURBAN ON AIR MAURITIUS FLIGHT 844 (FLOWN BY AIR MADAGASCAR AIRCRAFT) WERE TOLD AT LAST MINUTE THEY COULD NOT TAKE FLIGHT TO DURBAN BECAUSE MADAGASCAR AUTHORITIES HAD CANCELLED" TANANARIVE-DURBAN PORTION OF FLIGHT. LAST FRIDAY'S FLIGHT HAD BEEN CANCELLED FOR ALLEGED "TECHNICAL REASONS" WHICH NOW APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN A PRETEXT, PAPER SAYS. PAPER COMMENTS THAT THIS ACTION BY GDRM MAY BE LINKED TO BERENGER'S VISIT TO MADAGASCAR (REFTEL) AND SPECULATES THAT BERENGER MAY HAVE ASKED RATSIRAKA TO MAKE A GESTURE OF FRIEND-SHIP WHICH WOULD DEMONSTRATE BERENGER'S INFLUENCE AND
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"DIPLOMATIC WEIGHT" WITH THE GDRM. PAPER SAYS THERE MAY ALSO BE A CONNECTION WITH RECENT ARREST BY GDRM OF A SOUTH AFRICAN TOURIST AIRCRAFT WHICH LANDED IN MADAGASCAR BECAUSE OF ENGINE FAILURE. AN AIR MAURITIUS OFFICIAL TOLD THE PAPER: "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE SERVICE UNDER THESE CONDITIONS."
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